



**Chicago Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners Public Session  
February 17, 2015  
Charles Hayes FIC – 4859 S. Wabash**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	Cameika Elliott	I am a resident at Oakwood Shores, I come before you asking if you can help me with the matter of accommodating my son in the proper three bedroom ADA unit. I have prepared a package and turned it in, the package has a letter, documents and photos pertaining to this matter. In 2012 I put a request in to be transferred from Wentworth to Oakwood Shores under agreement that the unit that I took at Oakwood would be temporary until the next available three bedroom ADA unit at Oakwood became available. I was told I was first on the list to receive that unit and in 2013 after going into the management office and inquiring about the unit the people in the management office stated to me that the unit became available however was given to another family. There has been a lot of back and forth between management and CHA. Management from Oakwood Shores told me it was CHA's responsibility to get me into the ADA unit. My son has undergone two surgeries, so I need your help. There are problems in the unit where we are, he is having issues navigating his medical equipment. There is mold in this apartment as well. Can you please review my package and see that this matter is resolved?	During the week of March 2 management was working to remove the carpet as well as address the bedroom mold. The CHA worked and will continue to work with you to address your concerns and provide appropriate housing for your needs.
2	Paul McKinley	There was a lot of homeless people this winter, who were sleeping in the cold, and CHA should have an emergency program for people like this. I was in Hyde Park and I saw an older woman sleeping on concrete. Some are former CHA residents who had mental health issues. This is a problem in the entire city of Chicago.	The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) has emergency overnight shelters to which they will provide transportation. If you see someone sleeping on the street, please call 311 for Homeless and Emergency Services. FSS outreach teams respond to shelter requests around the clock. If the need is immediate, callers/individuals in need will be asked to go to their local police station or hospital emergency room where they can wait safely for transportation to a shelter. FSS will then follow up with the individual to get them into permanent, supportive housing as soon as possible.

3	Dennis Hood	I appreciate your prayers, I just came out of surgery, I'm back to 100%. I was in a contract for three units, a lot of mistakes had been coming up while I was in the hospital, but I finished the work. I do want to say that I appreciated the mobilization money that was given to me, I used it well. We've got contracts that are only \$100,000, there needs to be bargaining bids for you to help us get through this process. This insurance is also killing me financially. I appreciate you coming to the table and doing something.	Thank you for your comment. On a regular basis CHA meets with interested parties, including public housing residents, related to CHA compliance with the Section 3 Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA). Through extensive compliance reviews, CHA ensures that both CHA and CHA contractors are compliant with what is required and outlined in the Section 3 VCA.
4	Alex Polikoff	I have no statement to make, I know there were questions raised about the Mobility Demonstration Program at the Tenant Services meeting, I thought I would just come this morning in case there were any questions.	Thank you for taking the time to come out to this Board meeting.
5	Joseph Watkins	I am here to criticize the Section 3 Program, I think there needs to be input from public housing residents. The program is top heavy towards developers. You are doing a project at Washington and Pulaski, and you have contractors like Brinshore and Old Veteran who are not friendly to the Section 3 residents. We request you bring them to the table and let residents with businesses have input on how we should be accommodated. You are not building the program around the residents. I would hope you would consider utilizing our skills, we are master practitioners in this business. Nobody can explain our suffering, you should consider that. Get rid of Old Veteran until he accommodates the community.	On a regular basis CHA meets with interested parties, including public housing residents, related to CHA compliance with the Section 3 Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA). Through extensive compliance reviews, CHA ensures that both CHA and CHA contractors are compliant with what is required and outlined in the Section 3 VCA.
6	Nazim Hood	<p>1) Specifically, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Veenstra and his staff, on behalf of Hood Construction and likewise the efforts they have taken, we could not have done it without them. But this is systemic, a lot of stuff was going on with Section 3 beforehand, and a lot of things trying to be corrected, they are not acting like they want us to be involved, we couldn't even get a change order on our contract to move furniture. How do we operate like this? We had to keep running back and forth to different people and that's a problem.</p> <p>2) Secondly, as an ex-offender, I can't even live in the developments I come from because I'm helping to build these communities, but I am not let back in, what more do I need to show?</p>	<p>1) After following up with H.J. Russell, CHA was informed that there were no change orders requested on behalf of Hood Construction. Furthermore, CHA recently issued new procedures for property management companies related to Section 3 Business concerns. The new procedures should help to address many of the concerns voiced by the Section 3 Business community.</p> <p>2) Last fall CHA opened its wait list and encouraged all persons requiring low-income housing to apply for the wait list lottery. Although CHA has a look back period for offenses, not all offenses bar an applicant forever. In addition, and pending HUD's approval, CHA will implement its Reentry Demonstration program, which was approved by the board last November. This demonstration would allow ex-offenders to return living with a current CHA leaseholder provided they have worked at least one year with three approved providers. For specific information about this demonstration and the eligibility requirements, please visit CHA's website at <a href="http://www.thecha.org/about/plans-reports-and-policies">www.thecha.org/about/plans-reports-and-policies</a>.</p>

7	Tamiko Holt	<p>My problem is Section 3 businesses. We still have problems with contractors who refuse to acknowledge resident owned businesses, and we are being locked out by the contracts. You have the senior building on Washington, the Rosenwald also, still a problem. We had a meeting about Rosenwald and their practices about Section 3 business concerns. They think they are going to apply the same practices they did before. CHA gives big dollars to these contractors and they think they can spit in our face. You do right by everyone, not just by certain individuals. We are not asking you for anything, we have skills, do right by the program and let us in, that's it.</p>	<p>In response to your comments about the Rosenwald Courts and Flats contract, the Prime Contractor has proposed to meet the minimum Section 3 Business Concern subcontracting requirement by submitting a Utilization Plan that sets a goal of 10.22% of the overall contract value. CHA's Compliance department will monitor the compliance once construction work begins. In reference to your comment about the senior building on Washington, we assume you are referencing the Fannie Emmanuel development. If this is what you are referencing, CHA has not yet selected an awardee for this contract, therefore the compliance commitments are undetermined.</p>
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